

1. The final NCHSE Wednesday Webinar for 2022 will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 3:30 CST. **“Creating an Interactive Health Science Program: Wearable DIY Simulation Experiences You Can Create on a Budget”** is the perfect fit for any program!! To register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
2. Do you use videos in class that you wish you could add words too? Check out the: [6 Great Tools to Add Text to Videos | Educational Technology and Mobile Learning \(educatorstechnology.com\)](#)
3. NCHSE is putting together a **Test Prep Guide for the NCHSE Certificate Program**. Please complete this short survey regarding your processes for preparing students for the exam and let us know what would be beneficial! [Share your success \(google.com\)](#)
4. The Hidden Brain is a podcast that covers really interesting topics—things that make you go hmmmm.....so when today’s tidbit was titled “How do curse words affect the way we talk?” I had to check it out: [How do curse words affect the way we talk? - Hidden Brain](#)
5. Have you voted for the **HSEA President position** that is currently open? The two candidates, Lissa Bartle and Amanda Bolin are featured in a recent email from Nancy Allen, so check your email and vote by December 17, 2022 when the voting closes.
6. **Interested in a fellowship for teachers that would allow you go travel abroad?** Do you teach PK-12 students? Fund For Teachers ([Fund For Teachers®: Investing in prek-12 teachers' professional development.](#)) supports professional development to support student success, become a better teacher and strengthen schools and communities. The Fellowship Grant application is due January 19, 2023. [Applications \(fundforteachers.org\)](#)
7. **New guidance on how schools can spend federal funds to support work-based learning.** In [a “dear colleague” letter](#), the (Education) department described how schools can use federal funding to expand access to dual-enrollment opportunities, provide strong career and college advisement and navigation, expand opportunities for high-quality work-based learning, and give all students an opportunity to earn industry credentials. For example, the letter suggested that districts use American Rescue Plan funds to do a thorough assessment of dual-enrollment participation and outcomes to understand disparities related to race, ethnicity, sex, income, and other student characteristics, and develop strategies to address those disparities. Districts can also use the funds to pay for the costs of exam fees for work that requires credentials, provide transportation to work and testing sites, and identify accommodations for students with disabilities so they can also participate in credentialing exams. [Biden Administration Urges Schools to Expand Apprenticeships and Career Learning \(edweek.org\)](#)
8. **10 Ways to Give a Better Lecture**—for my blended learning peeps! This article starts out...” It would be an understatement to say that lecturing is frowned upon in modern teaching....Ideally, we should stick to supporting students through inquiry learning, cooperative learning, project-based learning and so on.....but does that mean we dump lectures all together?” The author suggests that two factors give lectures a bad name: overuse and poor execution! To read the rest: [10 Ways to Give a Better Lecture | Cult of Pedagogy](#)
9. It’s here! It’s here!!!! You can finally register for **the HCE New Teachers Academy 2023** for those new instructors who weren’t hired in July or weren’t able to make it to New Teachers!

Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13th in Stillwater, we will see you at the Ok Dept. of CareerTech Education. Registration is \$100 and if paying by PO or check, it’s made to the

“CareerTech Conference Account”. <https://HCENewTeacherJan2023.eventbrite.com> I will send another link to hotel information as soon as I have it! Can’t wait to see you there!

10. Quandary is a digital space for student to learn how to make effective decisions about moral and ethical dilemmas. Crucially, it teaches them how to research in order to be in the best position to do that. The idea is to create a game-like experience that is naturally immersive for children. This works well with the simple layout, colorful and engaging design, and varied characters that are a part of this setup. Available for use via a web browser or on apps across multiple platforms, this is widely accessible, making it suitable for students from any background. It's also an effective tool for in class use, ideal as a conversation generator. And it's FREE! <https://quandarygame.org>
11. I’ve been called a scrooge or a grinch before (by my children)but since I know my friends out there love the holiday season, check out this list of the 20 Best Christmas movies! Perfect background for your HOSA Holiday Party where you work on a community service project for a local cause! [The 20 Best Christmas Movies of All Time | Educational Technology and Mobile Learning \(educatorstechnology.com\)](#)
12. The Character Strong site shares free activities for pk-12 for administrators, educators and families alike! Dashing Through December Activities, ready to implement: [Dashing through December Resources - Sign-Up \(characterstrong.com\)](#)
13. **Apprenticeship program trains health care aides in Colo.**
An apprenticeship program in rural Colorado trains people to be personal care aides to help patients at home. The program aims to help increase the number of direct care workers and it offers opportunities for people who are unemployed or underemployed, living at or below the poverty level, or who lost jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Full Story:** [Kaiser Health News](#)
14. Don’t forget to **vote for the ACTE Board of Directors**! If you are a member of ACTE you will have received a special email with a code to vote. Some divisions even have some Okies running for office!
15. *You started it!* When it comes to conflict, most of us just want to shut it down. But increasingly, researchers find that there’s a better way to handle disputes. **What if we stop trying to eliminate conflict and instead ask: how can we do conflict better?** [Listen to learn more.](#)
16. And finally, for all my ghoulish boys and girls who love a **good skeleton story**: [Death and the salesman: the 22-year-old selling human bones for a living | Life and style | The Guardian](#)

It’s been a crazy few weeks for us here with family drama and travel and too many irons in the fire....but it’s going to get better very soon! We hope to interview for our Program Specialist position on Friday, which happens to be when our [HOSA State Advisor position](#) closes—so if you’re interested, now is the time to send in your resume! Have a great week—the countdown to Christmas break has begun!!